

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
ATSUSHI KOIKE, ET AL.
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS

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Examiner: Eric B. Fuller

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2001, imposing a restriction requirement in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required election of a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits in this case. The Examiner alleged the existence of two patentably distinct inventions:

Group I:

Claims 1-13, drawn to a method, classified in class 427,

subclass 595, and

Group II:

Claims14-26, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 118,

subclass 715.

Applicants hereby provisionally select Group I, Claims 1-13, with traverse.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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